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Principal Pursley,

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Port of Spain, Trinidad, W.I.

Dear Principal Pursley:

On my return to-day from Washington I found your cable conveying the congratulations of your staff and the pupils of my old school on the recent honour that His Majesty conferred upon me. I am deeply touched by your remembrance of me. Will you accept for yourself my heartfelt thanks for your own thoughtfulness in this matter and express to your staff and the pupils my sincere appreciation of their goodwill?

My school days are very frequently in my memory and I am sure that the thorough training which I received during the eight years that I was at school in the Royal College have made possible whatever success I have since attained. It was a good school. I was well taught, and I cannot forget what Mr. Miles and Mr. Bush and others did for me. I am particularly pleased to know that the record of the school has improved since I left. I follow it pretty closely. I read "The Chronicle" regularly, and I am proud to see what a time showing the school makes in the examinations: how well also it does in sport; above all at this great crisis now notly it has responded in the way of active service. You have suffered already a great deal, just as

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we have in Toronto, and by the ascrifice of our best we are laying the foundations for the generations that are to come.

I know what a fine career you yourself have had in the College and that a very large amount of its present success is due to your efforts , often I am afraid outwardly discouraging, but nevertheless as you can now see really successful. Mr. Geddes Grant, my old school boy friend, often comes to Toronto and I know a very great deal of what is going on. It would give me a great deal of pleasure to have you visit us in Toronto some time. If you were taking a holiday away from Trinidad and could come to Canada for a little while you would I am sure be interested and we should be very happy to have you stay with us during your visit to Toronto.

I should also like if it were possible for us to have a connection made with the old school and this University. As you are doubtless aware our professional faculties are good, and I think we can provide as thorough training as any that is given on this side of the Atlantic. I shall always be glad to hear from you.

Will you be good enough to hand to those who manage the "Chronicle" the enclosed post office order for a pound ? I do not know when I paid my subscription to the paper and I should like it to come to me regularly.

If there is anything I can do for you at any time for any of your staff or any student whom you may recommend I shall be glad to do what lies in my power. I am sending you two of my recent publications which may be of some interest to you. I am,

Yours sincerely,